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1. I CALLED ON IRANIAN PERMREP AND GROUP OF 77 PRESIDENT HOVEYDA MAR 12 TO FOLLOW UP ON EARLIER CONVERSATION. (REFTEL). HOVEYDA WENT OVER MUCH OF SAME GROUND, SHARPENING HIS EMPHASIS ON ONE OR TWO POINTS. FIRST OF THESE WAS REITERATION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF UPCOMING SESSION. HE ARGUED THAT IF MEETING "FAILED", IT WOULD BE DISASTER FOR CONSERVATIVES AND MODERATES IN WORLD COMMUNITY, AS RADICALS WOULD EXPLOIT FRUSTRATIONS OF NON-ALIGNED IN FACE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY INTRANSIGENCE. HE URGED US, AS HE SAID HE HAD URGED OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO AVOID SUCH AN OUTCOME.

2. ALTHOUGH I EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION FOR HOVEYDA'S EFFORTS TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE, I MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO HOVEYDA THAT I SAW SITUATION QUITE DIFFERENTLY. US WISHED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND WOULD BE AS POSITIVE
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AND CONSTRUCTIVE AS THE OTHER PLAYERS IN THE GAME WOULD

ALLOW IT TO BE. HOWEVER, SPECIAL SESSION WAS INITIATED BY ANOTHER GROUP AND IT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THESE INITIATORS TO SET STAGE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC EXERCISE. IF THEY CHOSE TO ESTABLISH PATTERN OF MALICIOUS RHETORIC AND EMPTY OR ONE-SIDED DECLARATIONS OR RESOLUTIONS, US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD NOT PREVENT THEIR DOING SO. IF, ON OTHER HAND, NON-ALIGNED WISHED TO HAVE REAL DIALOGUE, WE WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. US IS PROUD TO HAVE BEEN IN VANGUARD IN AIDING LDC'S AND EXPANDED LDC PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

3. HOVEYDA REFERRED TO NON-ALIGNED INTENT TO CREATE NEW WORLD ORDER", SAYING THAT US ECONOMISTS HAD ORIGINATED THIS PHRASE. I REPLIED THAT PHRASE HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN UP BY SUG AND WAS A MOST UNFORTUNATE ONE FOR NON-ALIGNED TO TAKE UP AS THEIR WATCHWORD. IN ANY NEW WORLD TRADE AND MONETARY ORDER, US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD CRITICAL ROLE TO PLAY AND IT SIMPLY SHOULD NOT BE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD ACCEPT PARTISAN DECISIONS OF ONE GROUP OF COUNTRIES THAT DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OUR INTERESTS AND THOSE OF ENTIRE WORLD COMMUNITY.

4. THIS TIME HOVEYDA MADE COMPLETELY OVERT REQUEST FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN HIS EFFORT TO PROVIDE MODERATE LEADERSHIP TO GROUP OF 77. HE HAD BEEN DISMAYED THAT SUCH COUNTRIES AS BRAZIL AND OTHER MODERATE TO CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF GROUP OF 77 HAD NOT SAID A WORD IN CONSULTATIONS THUS FAR. UNLESS WE ENCOURAGED OUR FRIENDS AMONG NON-ALIGNED TO SPEAK UP, IT LIKELY THAT RADICALS WOULD CARRY THE FIELD BY DEFAULT. IF RADICAL VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED AND NOT CHALLENGED BY ANYONE, HOVEYDA AS CHAIRMAN WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RECORD THE RADICAL VIEW AS THE CONSENSUS. COMMENT: IN OUR CONTACTS WE SHALL OF COURSE URGE OUR FRIENDS TO SPEAK THEIR PIECE BUT WILL WISH TO CONTINUE TO AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION IT IS OUR STRATEGY TO DEFEAT ALGERIAN INITIATIVE BY DIVIDE AND RULE TACTICS, WHICH WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

5. HOVEYDA SAID HE LEAVING LATE MAR 13 FOR TEHRAN FOR THREE OR FOUR DAYS' CONSULTATION. HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN NAC STEERING GROUP DELIBERATIONS IN ALGIERS BUT HAD DECLINED ON GROUNDS HE HAD TOO MUCH TO DO IN NEW YORK.
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HOVEYDA CONTINUED TO EVIDENCE CONSIDERABLE SENSE OF IMPORTANCE OF GROUP OF 77 PRESIDENCY. AT SAME TIME, HE TODAY REFLECTED MORE REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING THAT ALGIERS MEETING MAY BE MORE IMPORTANT DETERMINATIVE OF ACTUAL SHAPE OF SPECIAL SESSION THAN ANYTHING DONE IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO APRIL 9. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT PROVE SO DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES THAT SESSION WOULD EVENTUALLY COME UP WITH DECLARATION OF HIGHLY GENERAL NATURE

CONTAINING LITTLE OR NOTHING IN WAY OF SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES.
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